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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 24 July 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Amory, Colonel White, Messrs.
Kirkpatrick, [] Sheldon and Amory

Mr. Dulles:

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a. Raised the question of sending a message to our overseas stations requesting their personal views on the fall of U. S. prestige, and after some discussion it was agreed that this message would be sent by cable to the major stations and [] to other areas selected by DD/P. It was also agreed that the replies should be in Headquarters not later than 24 August, at which time the CIA Board of National Estimates would undertake to prepare a round-up based on these replies and other material at hand.

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d. Raised the question of Project [] and after some discussion wherein it was pointed out that: (1) a number of the personnel required to operate this Project could be secured from the military; (2) the site could be utilized for other activities; (3) []

[] (4) by the time the Project was actually in operation our '54 Budget should be approved -- the Director approved the Project.

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Mr. Wisner:

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Mr. Wisner (Continued):

b. Reported that Commander Gough of the American Legion had not in fact been specifically charged by the President to look into U. S. overseas information programs and psychological warfare efforts, but rather had been asked to "keep his eyes and ears open" respecting these programs during his forthcoming trip to Europe, and therefore it was not contemplated to give him a detailed briefing as originally proposed. Mr. Amory said that in all probability an invitation for a briefing had already been extended to Gough, however, in view of the above information it would be a very low-level one.

Mr. Amory:

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Reported that [REDACTED] was going to South America next week on a month's trip and had offered his services if needed.

Mr. Helms:

a. Recommended that the [REDACTED] Project" not be discussed at the next NSC Meeting. The Director approved and Mr. Amory undertook to so notify General Cutler.

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b. [REDACTED] and after some discussion undertook to prepare a memorandum on this for the Director's use at the next PSB Meeting.

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c. Left with the Director for his approval a memorandum prepared by Mr. Houston to the Attorney General concerning [REDACTED] and his request that he be allowed entry into the U.S. for a temporary indefinite stay. In response to a query from the DCI Mr. Helms stated this request had been discussed with Bob Alexander and Outerbridge Horsey of State.

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